

## Volunteers of America, Inc.

### Organization Description

Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization with a broad interdenominational mission "to reach and uplift all people." They provide a broad array of social services to those in need in many locations across the nation.

### Project Description

Volunteers of America will develop the Compassion Collaborative model for replication through other Volunteers of America affiliates. This is an intermediary model to strengthen the capacity of smaller, local organizations in assisting those most in need. Volunteers of America is well established in the targeted geographic regions and has extensive knowledge of faith and community based providers and the social service needs in these areas. Specifically, Volunteers of America will assist with funding opportunities, resource development, program management, incorporation, and board development for faith-based and community organizations serving those most in need.

### Geographic Scope of Project

The project will be focused on two specific regions:

- Greater Cincinnati metropolitan area
- Alabama-Mississippi Gulf Coast

### Partnering Organizations

Volunteers of America, Inc. will partner with two local branches:

- Volunteers of America Ohio River Valley
- Volunteers of America Southeast

### Sub-Awards

Volunteers of America plans on granting 16 sub-awards of approximately \$10,000 each. The grant process will be developmental rather than competitive.

### Project Objectives

1. To enhance the capacity and knowledge platform of 400 faith-based and community organizations in the Greater Cincinnati and Alabama-Mississippi Gulf Coast areas.
2. To mobilize 50 faith-based and community organizations to better meet the needs of their communities' poor and low-income families through replication of effective approaches and best practices.
3. To develop the Compassion Collaboration model for replication through Volunteers of America affiliates.

### Project Strategies

- Develop an intermediary model and prepare for replication.
- Provide technical assistance in strategic planning, legal matters, fund development, financial management and grant writing.
- Match staff from successful programs for mentoring.
- Conduct seminars on best practices.
- Grant sub-awards.

### Grant Award Amount

\$699,159

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